

Remarks

In the Office action mailed April 4, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 35-52. The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-16, and 18-20. The Examiner objected to claim 17, but indicated it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicants respectfully disagree with the rejections of claims 1-3, 5-16, and 18-20. However, in order to expedite prosecution, the foregoing amendments rewrite claim 17 as suggested by the Examiner. Specifically, newly amended claim 1 includes the language of original claim 17 and its base claim, previously-amended independent claim 1. The other claims still pending in the application are either already allowed or depend from claim 1.

Therefore, the claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if doing so would in any way expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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